

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 HONG K 03741 090306Z

70

ACTION EA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-02 INR-07 L-02

NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 SAJ-01

NIC-01 /057 W

----- 047500

R 090220Z APR 75

FM AMCONSUL HONG KONG

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4507

INFO AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

USLO PEKING

CINCPAC HONOLULU HI

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE HONG KONG 3741

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, CH

SUBJECT: RANK LISTING OF POLITBURO FOR TUNG PI-WU FUNERAL; MAO AND  
CHOU ABSENT

1. CHAIRMAN MAO AND PREMIER CHOU BOTH MISSED THE APRIL 7  
TUNG PI-WU FUNERAL CEREMONY SUGGESTING THAT EITHER HEALTH  
OR POLITICAL PROBLEMS PREVENTED THEIR ATTENDANCE. MAO, WHO  
HAS NOT RECEIVED STATE VISITORS SINCE THE END OF JANUARY,  
REPORTEDLY HAS "HAD A COLD" (HONG KONG 2860). RECENT REPORTS  
INDICATE THAT HE HAS RECOVERED BUT IS STILL RESTING (PEKING 600).  
CHOU, WHO HAS HAD A LIMITED SCHEDULE SINCE HE ENTERED THE  
HOSPITAL ALMOST A YEAR AGO, HAD BEEN RECEIVING TOP FOREIGN  
GUESTS UNTIL THE ALBERT/RHODES CODEL VISIT AND MOST RECENTLY  
MET WITH THE TUNISIAN PRIME MINISTER ON APRIL 3.

2. THE NN REPORT ON THE CEREMONY PROVIDED A STROKE-ORDER  
LIST OF POLITBURO MEMBERS WHO SENT WREATHS AND ALSO A RANKI-  
ORDER LIST OF ATTENDEES (NCNA ENGLISH APRIL 7). THERE IS NO  
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 HONG K 03741 090306Z

CHANGE IN THE LATTER, ALTHOUGH THE ABSENCE OF POLITBURO

MEMBERS WITH PROVINCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES MAKES THIS LISTING INCONCLUSIVE. THE LIST DOES INDICATE HOWEVER, THAT NO ONE AS YET HAS BEEN NAMED TO TUNG'S VACANT STANDING COMMITTEE SLOT. THE ABSENCE OF MAO AND CHOU LEFT THE HONORS TO PARTY NUMBER THREE WANG HUNG-WEN WHO, AS THE YOUNGEST POLITBURO MEMBER, PRESIDED OVER THE CEREMONIES FOR THE PARTY'S LATE ELDER STATESMAN. THE TURNOUT INCLUDED CHIANG CHING WHO MADE HER FIRST REPORTED PUBLIC APPEARANCE SINCE THE NPC. CHIANG HAS BEEN UNDER A CLOUD SINCE THE NPC AND HAS HAD LITTLE MENTION IN THE MEDIA.

3. AFTER LISTING TUNG PI-WU'S PREVIOUS CAREER TITLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES YEH CHIEN-YING'S EULOGY CONCENTRATED ON THE THEMES OF THE CURRENT DICTATORSHIP/PRODUCTION CAMPAIGN. HE DESCRIBED TUNG AS A FOLLOWER OF PARTY DISCIPLINE AND, IN DEATH, A MODEL TO ENCOURAGE EFFORTS AT BUILDING CHINA INTO A "STRONG AND MODERN SOCIALIST COUNTRY." NCNA'S USE OF THE TRANSLATION "STRONG" FOR CHIANG (STC 1730) RATHER THAN "POWERFUL," AS IN CHOU'S NPC REPORT, IS A RECENT CHANGE WE FIRST NOTED IN THE TRANSLATION OF CHANG CHUN-CHIAO'S APRIL RED FLAG ARTICLE, AND MAY INDICATE THE PRC FEELS THIS NEWER VERSION HAS LESS HEGEMONIC CONNOTATIONS.

CROSS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** POLITICAL LEADERS, STATE FUNERALS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 09 APR 1975  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** GolinoFR  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1975HONGK03741  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D750122-0932  
**From:** HONG KONG  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1975/newtext/t19750468/aaaackid.tel  
**Line Count:** 84  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION EA  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** GolinoFR  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 09 JUL 2003  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <09 JUL 2003 by ElyME>; APPROVED <10 JUL 2003 by GolinoFR>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
05 JUL 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** RANK LISTING OF POLITBURO FOR TUNG PI-WU FUNERAL; MAO AND CHOU ABSENT  
**TAGS:** PINT, CH, (TUNG PI-WU)  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006